

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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NEW ANTI RABIES VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to explore the feasibility to substitute the present anti-rabies nerve Tissue Vaccine with some new economical version ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Government proposes to launch the new vaccine and phase out the NTVs ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b) The interim report of a multicentric feasibility study, being undertaken by Indian Council of Medical Research on the use of intradermal administration of Tissue Culture Anti Rabies vaccine (TCARV) indicates that this vaccine can be considered for intradermal administration as post exposure treatment following animal bites. The use of TCARV given in small doses through intradermal route once introduced considerably reduces the cost of treatment.
- (c) The phase out of production of NTVs and shift to use of TCARV has come into effect from 01st January 2005.